

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A blind fastener comprising:

a mandrel and a monolithic cylindrical body mounted on an elongate stem of said mandrel so as to extend co-axially about a central axis of said blind fastener;

said body having a pre-formed radially enlarged flange at one end thereof and a tail end at the opposite end for insertion through a hole in a workpiece having an outer surface;

said mandrel having a mandrel head in operative engagement with said tail end of said fastener for transmitting force thereto during setting of said fastener,

said body having first and second portions, each having differing uniform external diameters and a radially extending shoulder therebetween, such that the external diameter of the second portion adjacent the flange is greater than the external diameter of the first portion adjacent the tail end and said body between said shoulder; and

a sleeve of resilient material disposed about the second portion, wherein said radially extending shoulder contacts said outer surface of said workpiece and said shoulder is configured to bear against a portion of the outer surface, and whereby after said setting of said fastener said sleeve of resilient material remains exposed beyond said outer surface for providing a stop surface, and said sleeve of resilient material

defines an inner surface which is in uninterrupted contact with and covers the entire second portion between the work piece and the flange.

2. (Currently Amended) A blind fastener as claimed in claim 1, ~~wherein said body between said shoulder and said flange is enclosed in a cylindrical sleeve of resilient material~~ disposed about the second portion is cylindrical.

3. (Currently Amended) A blind fastener as claimed in claim 2, wherein said cylindrical sleeve of resilient material has an external diameter equal to or less than the outer diameter of said flange.

4. (Previously Presented) The blind fastener of claim 1, wherein the external diameter of said body adjacent said flange is at least 1.4 times the external diameter of the body adjacent said tail end.

5. (Previously Presented) The blind fastener of claim 1, wherein said shoulder extends perpendicular to said central axis.

6. (Previously Presented) The blind fastener of claim 1, wherein said shoulder is positioned between 25% and 75% of the length of said body remote from said flange.

7. (Previously Presented) The blind fastener of claim 1, wherein the resilient material has a hardness of between 50 and 80 shore A hardness.

8. (Previously Presented) The blind fastener of claim 7, wherein the resilient material has a hardness of between 60 and 70 shore A hardness.

9. (Previously Presented) The blind fastener of claim 1, wherein the resilient material is plastic.

10. (Previously Presented) The blind fastener of claim 1, wherein an end of the body opposite the flange end is open.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The blind fastener of claim 1, wherein the resilient material is rubber.

13.-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) A blind rivet assembly, comprising:
a work piece defining an opening, the work piece having a bearing surface;
a rivet body having a first portion with a first diameter and a second portion with a second diameter, the first diameter being substantially greater than the second diameter,
a flange integrally formed on a distal end of the first portion;
a mandrel having a mandrel head, the mandrel disposable within the rivet body;
a shoulder defined at the intersection of the first portion and the second portion, the shoulder contacts the bearing surface and is configured to prevent the first portion from pulling through the opening; and
a resilient member disposed around the entire first portion of the rivet body, whereby after the mandrel head is pulled through the rivet body the resilient member remains exposed beyond the bearing surface to act as a stop surface.

20. (Previously Presented) The fastener of claim 19, wherein the resilient member is made from a silicone based rubber compound.

21. (Previously Presented) The fastener of claim 19, further comprising a carrier, the carrier movable from a first position to a second position, whereby the carrier contacts the exposed stop surface in the second position.